

Yorkshire & Humber Briefing

National Update on Valuing People



This briefing says what will happen to the Valuing People Now programme from April 2011.

Policy and Guidance



- The Coalition Government is committed to Valuing People Now.
- There will still be civil servants in the department of health who will be responsible for making the Valuing people policy happen.
- The National Programme board will carry on and will meet twice a year to make sure that the policy is happening.
- Health, Housing and Employment will remain the big targets.

The targets will be:

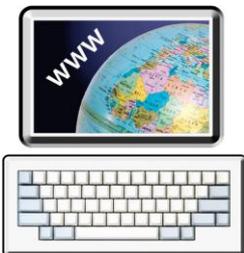


1. The “where people live” target is going to change. It will look at how many people live with families or their own tenancy. They will carry on looking to look at the number of people in residential care with the plan to help less people live in residential care
2. The targets for jobs will include how many people work less than 16 hrs a week as well more than 16 hours. This will make it easier to count how many people work.



3. The confidential enquiry into people dying and the public health observatory will carry on for another 2 years

- A New Mental Health and Learning disability Charter will be published
- The Special Education Needs Green Paper (Published 9th March 2011) will be about personalisation, employment and will includes health checks for young disabled people.
- There will be a new good practice guide to qualifications and making a difference in Social Care. Skills for Care will lead on this
- There will be a new big workforce plan in Social Care and a framework for personal assistants. Skills for Care will lead on this
- There will be new Care Quality Commission Guidance on what is supported living.
- The Valuing People Website will carry on after March 2011





Inclusion and Partnership Boards

- Funding for the National Forum for people with a learning disability will carry on. It will work in a way to make sure that people from each area can get their voice heard on what they think is important
- The Royal Princess Trust for Carers will take the lead in supporting family carers of people with a learning disability.
- The Minister is clear that local Partnership Boards should carry on and be linked to Health and Well-being boards and GP commissioning groups.
- Anne Williams is going to write to Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) with the template for the Partnership Board Annual Report. The report should be completed by the end of June 2011 and sent to the Public Health Observatory who will publish each board report on their website.

Health



- All Strategic Health Authorities are going to carry on with the Performance and Self-assessment framework 2011. Their findings will be posted on the Public Health Observatories website.
- The Care Quality Commission has been asked to carrying out unannounced hospital visits.
- The Ombudsman has asked for another report following on from the Six Lives report.

Housing



- The Specialist Housing Grant has been cut. This means that special needs housing is included in a general grant from the Housing Corporation. Local Authorities need to have really good plans for housing, which include people with different needs. If people are included it will make it easier to get grants for housing. The chance to bid for grants from the Housing Corporation has just started.
- Both Care Quality Commission and Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) think the “Feeling Settled guide” is really good and it has been posted on the website.
- A “National Affordable Housing Programme” has been announced and will run from 2011 to 2015.

Employment.



- Valuing People has looked at how well Project Search (a way of people getting training & jobs) and the 7 First Job sites are working. The report will be out later this year.
- Employment resources and tools will be posted on the Valuing People Employment website.
- A “How to guide” will be published for getting a life and best practise on supported employment.
- There will be a commissioning guide (a guide for buying services) on employment.
- The Employment Hub and all its resources and tools will move to the British Association of Employment website after March 2011 as well as being on the Valuing People website for now.